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**ALPHONSE CAPONE**

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Mr. Nathan  
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Department of Justice  
201 Liberty National Life Building  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
June 16, 1933.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C. ||||| 1

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that this office is in receipt of a Bop  
n Special Agent Chapman Fletcher at Atlanta, Ga., stating  
of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta,  
opy of a letter purporting to have been written by Al  
copies of which are attached hereto for your information  
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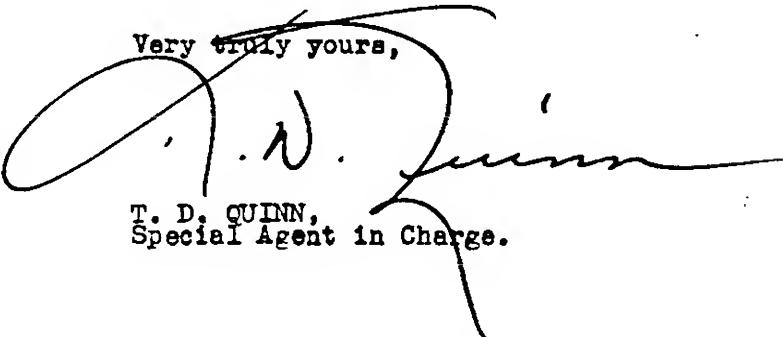
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in the body of this letter are Government officials, the matter is being transmitted to the Bureau in order that proper instructions might be issued before an investigation is undertaken by the Birmingham office.

If authority is granted to go into this matter, I believe that several things mentioned in the letter alleged to have been written by Al Capone should be verified from the records of the Penitentiary at Atlanta, before any investigation is requested of the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

  
T. D. QUINN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

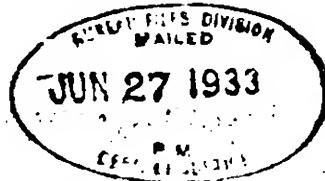
Dear Sir:

Referring further to your letter of June 16, with reference to the request of [Harden Alderhold] of the Atlanta Penitentiary, B.O. for an investigation of allegations contained in a letter believed to have been written by Al Capone, inmate of the penitentiary, you are advised that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons has requested this Bureau to proceed with a thorough investigation. Will you please, therefore, immediately institute the necessary inquiry.

You are authorized to confirm the matters to which you refer in the last paragraph of your letter through the records of the penitentiary at Atlanta.

Very truly yours,

Director,



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June 23, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF PRISONS.

BOP

I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter which I received from my Birmingham Office under date of June 16, 1933, together with its enclosure, advising of the request of [Jardon Adarkold] of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta for investigation of certain matters arising through reason of the statements made in a letter allegedly written by Al Capone.

The matter is being promptly forwarded to you, in order that you may have the benefit of the information contained therein and advise if you desire the Bureau to conduct an investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #546991.

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W.H.B.  
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June 23, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

BOP

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the  
16th instant with reference to information received from  
[Harden Aderhold] relative to statements appearing in a  
letter allegedly written by Al Capone.

You are advised that a copy of your letter,  
together with its enclosure, has been forwarded to the  
Director of the Bureau of Prisons and you should await  
further advice from the Bureau before proceeding with the  
investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

W.W.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
June 23, 1933.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

By reference from Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Atlanta, B.O.P. Ga., a letter has been received, dated June 21st, last, and signed by A. C. Aderhold, Warden, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., copies of which are attached hereto, and which is believed to be self explanatory.

On even date I am advising Mr. Aderhold that this matter has been referred to the Bureau for proper instructions, and that I will be pleased to notify him at a later date concerning what action is to be taken in regard thereto.

Very truly yours,

T. D. QUINN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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201 Liberty Natl. Life Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Alabama.  
June 25, 1933.

Mr. A. C. Alderhold,  
Warden, United States Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Ga.

BOP

Dear Sir:

By reference from Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated June 21, 1933, and which has further reference to your conference with this Agent under date of June 14, 1933 concerning Alphonse Capone.

In this regard, please be advised that in view of the fact that several of the persons mentioned in this case are Federal officials and under Departmental regulations, the matter has been referred to the Bureau at Washington, D.C. for proper instructions.

I shall be pleased at a later date to advise you in the premises in order that you might be fully informed as to what action will be taken by this office.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your very splendid cooperation rendered Agents of this office, and I trust that I will have the pleasure of meeting you during my next visit to Atlanta.

Very truly yours,

T. D. QUINN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Bureau

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

Atlanta, Ga.,  
June 21, 1933.

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Mr. Y Fletcher,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
% United States Attorney,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] addressed to Alphonse Capone.

You will note that this telegram is in reply to request in the letter which reads:

"Just as soon as you get this letter wire me and say that my lawyer spoke to you and they will be there to see you before they go to the Supreme Court, so that I will know that you got this letter."

It is thought that this letter referred to [REDACTED]

For your information will say that I am delivery a copy of this telegram to Al Capone, register No. 40886.

Yours very truly,

A.C. Aderhold,  
Warden.

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ALPHONSE CAPONE - YOUR LAWYER SPOKE TO ME LAST NIGHT AND THEY WILL BE THERE TO SEE YOU BEFORE THEY GO TO THE SUPREME COURT DO NOT WORRY ABOUT MAMA AS SHE IS FEELING FINE NOW AND WILL BE HOME IN A FEW DAYS IN A COUPLE OF DAYS SHE WENT THROUGH EVERYTHING BETTER THAN WAS EXPECTED AND IS ALL RIGHT NOW SHE SENDS HER LOVE LOVE FROM ALL

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July 6, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

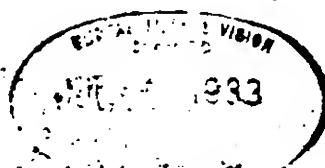
Dear Sir:

BOP  
With reference to your letter of June 23, 1933, with attached copy of letter addressed to Agent Fletcher by Warden Aderhold of the Atlanta Penitentiary, dated June 21, 1933, and the copy of telegram addressed to Al Capone at the penitentiary, you are advised that this matter appears to be the same as that treated of in your letter of June 16, 1933, which was replied to by Bureau letter of June 27, 1933, authorizing you to proceed with the investigation.

It is assumed that you will cover the matter completely in the investigation authorized.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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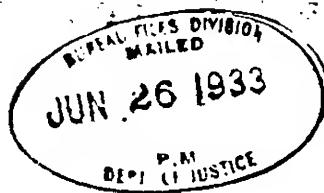
June 26, 1932.

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MCGEE,**

Mr. Bates, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, telephoned with regard to the memorandum forwarded to him by this Bureau under date of June 23, 1933, with reference to information received from [Farden Alderholde] relative to statements appearing in a letter allegedly written by Al Capone, and requested that this Bureau proceed with inquiry based upon the statements in this letter. B-10

Very truly yours,

Director.



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201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama

June 29, 1933.

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[Mr. A. C. Merbold,  
Warden, United States Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.]

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Dear Sir:

With further reference to letter from this office dated June 23, 1933, in connection with an investigation that is desired at the penitentiary to determine if letter was written by Al Capone, inmate of the penitentiary, this is to advise that this investigation will be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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## DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION - U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Birmingham, Alabama.	9-8-33	8-14-21, 7-1-33 8-2-14, 20, 1933	CHAPMAN FLETCHER
TITLE		9-8-33.	
ALPHONSE CAPONE, aliases: Brown; A. Costa; Scarface Capone; Alphonse Brown; Al Capone; Brown; "Scarface"; Alphonse Gabriel Capone.		CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA	
O. T. BISHOP; STEPHEN T. DOWNE.		B.O.P	



Letter written by prisoner Atlanta Penitentiary, presumably Capone.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated June 27, 1933.

DETAILS: AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

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"Alphonse Capone -- Your lawyer spoke to me last night and they will be there to see you before they go to the Supreme Court. Do not worry about Mama as she is feeling fine now and will be home in a couple of days. She went through everything better than was expected and is all right now. She sends her love. Love from all.

Transmitted by Western Union.

On June 16, 1933, a letter was addressed by S. A. C. L. D. Quinn, to the Director, informing the Director as to the complaint made in this case and on June 27, 1933, the Director by letter authorized investigation in this case.

Warden Aderhold has advised Agent that

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On June 16, 1933, a letter was addressed by S. A. C. T. D. Quinn, to the Director, informing the Director as to the complaint made in this case and on June 27, 1933, the Director by letter authorized investigation in this case.

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Mrs. Davis, in the office of the Commissioner of Finance and Taxation, State Capitol, Atlanta, Ga., states that license number 1-676B, for 1933, was issued to Mrs. Annie E. Bishop, 1425 Broad Street, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia, about April 29, 1933, for a five-passenger Dodge Sedan, Motor No. S63748.

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A description of Capone as disclosed by the records of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., is as follows:

NAME	ALPHONSE CAPONE, aliases: Brown; A. Costa; Scarface Capone; Alphonse Brown; Al Capone; Al Brown; "Scarface"; Alphonse Gabriel Capone;
Age	33
Height	5'10-1/2"
Weight	255
Build	Stout
Occupation	Gambler
Complexion	Medium fair
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Dark brown
Residence	Chicago, Illinois
Scars	Oblique scar 4" across cheek 2" front left ear;

Description of Al Capone (continued):  
Scars (cont.) vertical scar 2-1/2" on left jaw; oblique scar 2-1/2" below left ear on neck.  
Pen. Number Atlanta Penitentiary No. 40886  
Photograph One mounted and two unmounted retained in Birmingham File.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE - Is requested to secure from the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. information as to all bank or other indorsements which will show the disposition made by Bishop of the checks listed in this report as having been paid Bishop as salary.

CHICAGO OFFICE - at Chicago, Illinois - Will conduct discreet investigation to determine whether Dr. Stephen T. Brown, of Atlanta, Georgia, was registered at the Palmer House on or about June 18, 1933, and, if so, the activities of the Doctor during his stay at the hotel, particular attention being paid to any telephone calls placed by the Doctor from his room.

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE - At Atlanta, Georgia - Upon receipt of information from the Washington Field Office as to the disposition made by Bishop of the checks received as salary will cause a check to be made of any banks indicated where Bishop might have an account, either savings or checking, and will make such further investigation as other endorsements on these checks may warrant. Also, it will be ascertained the name of the party from whom the automobile owned by Mrs. Bishop was secured and the amount and manner in which these payments for the car have been made, and if payments are being made by check, will ascertain the name of the bank on which the checks are drawn, and such further investigation as the facts warrant.

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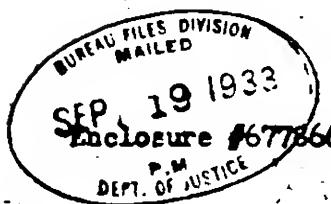
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS

Reference is made to my memorandum dated June 23, 1933, transmitting a copy of a letter which I received from my Birmingham Office under date of June 16, 1933, together with its enclosure, advising of the request of [Warden Aderhold] of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta for an investigation of certain matters arising through reason of the statements made in a letter allegedly written by Al Capone.

For your further information in this matter I am transmitting herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, September 8, 1933, entitled ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al, CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Birmingham, Alabama

FILE NO. 62-2896

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Washington, D. C.	9/14/33	9/12/33	Donovan, Owens
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, ET AL		CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA	

#### SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information received from General Accounting Office regarding disposition and endorsements of salary checks of [REDACTED]

Treasury  
Dept

-RUCG-

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, September 8, 1933.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Information was received from the Treasury Department and the General Accounting Office regarding the disposition and endorsements on salary checks of [REDACTED] as follows:

1933.	Check No.	Amount	Disposition and Endorsements
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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September 22, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS.

In the case entitled ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al;  
CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY,  
there are transmitted herewith copies of the following ATLANTA, GEORGIA,  
reports:

Special Agent

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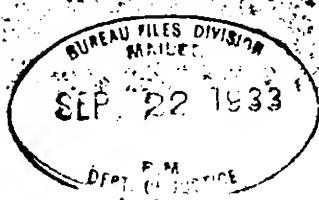
Donovan Owens

Washington, D. C.

9/14/33

Very truly yours,

Director.



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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 2

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

FILE NO. 68-1675

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS		1/24/33	1/25 to 20/33	CHARTERED
ALPHONSE GARNE with aliases;		CONSPICTOR OF CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE UNITED STATES; CONSPIRACY TO ASSAULT AND MURDER		
RECORDED IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON 1/24/33				
Report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, 1/23/33				
CONTAINING INFORMATION IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS				
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>O. A. Curran</i>				
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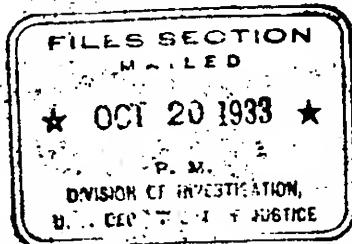
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS

In connection with the investigation now being made by this Division of the mailing of a letter by Alphonse Capone from the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, dated at Chicago, Illinois, September 25, 1933, entitled ALPHONSE CAPONE with aliases, et al, Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband out of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #679523.



✓ W. H. K. 10/20/33

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September 28, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

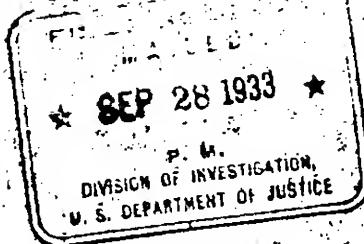
Dear Bird:

Your attention is invited to the case entitled  
Alphonse Capone with aliases, et al, Conspiracy to Receive  
and Send Contraband Out of the United States Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

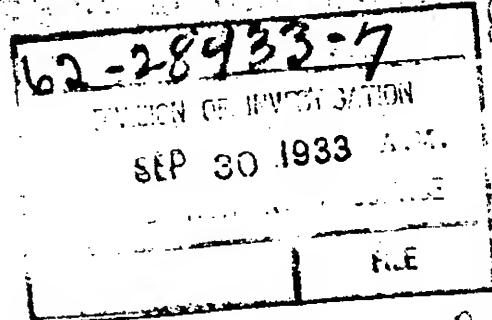
For your information, a letter has been directed  
to the Chicago Office requesting that the lead set forth in  
the report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher dated September  
8, 1933, be given immediate attention. It is also desired  
that you proceed with the investigation immediately and  
submit a report promptly, without awaiting the results of  
the investigation at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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TM:RG  
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September 28, 1933. *fm*

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

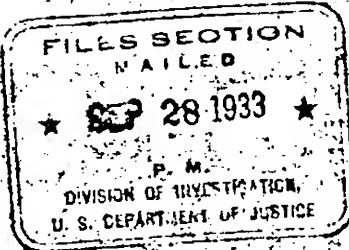
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Your attention is invited to the report of  
Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Alabama, dated  
September 8, 1933, in the case entitled Alphonse Capone  
with aliases, et al, Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contra-  
band out of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia,  
wherein you will note that a lead is set forth for your  
office, requesting investigation concerning [REDACTED] *b7c*

It is desired that this investigation be given  
immediate attention, and a report submitted not later than  
the day following the receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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FOR ATTENTION OR ACTION  INDICATED

DATE 9/27/33

DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_

MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_

MR. APPEL \_\_\_\_\_

MR. BAUGHMAN

MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_

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MR. HUGHES \_\_\_\_\_

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*Mr. admin today.*

PLEASE SEE ME \_\_\_\_\_

HAROLD NATHAN  
ROOM 318

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

October 11, 1933.

Nathan.....
Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Locke.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With reference to the investigation of a letter, allegedly written by Alphonse Capone as described in the attached memorandum prepared by Supervisor Stapleton under date of September 27, 1933, I desire to advise that it appears the case originated with a letter received from the Birmingham office under date of June 16th. The matter was referred to the Director, Bureau of Prisons, on June 23rd, and on June 27th the Birmingham office was authorized to proceed with an investigation.

Inasmuch as the authorization was merely in response to a request of the Birmingham office, apparently no tickler was maintained. However, on July 6th an additional letter was sent to the Birmingham office with reference to the case. The report submitted by the Birmingham office is dated September 8th and the investigation covers the period June 14th to 21st, July 1st, August 2nd, 14th, and 20th, and September 2, 1933. The delay was in the Birmingham office and possibly could be accounted for by reason of the many emergency matters confronting that office during that period and in view of the fact that it was not indicated at any time that this particular investigation was of an emergency character.

If you desire, an appropriate letter will be directed to the Birmingham office, calling attention to the delay and instructing that the matter be immediately completed.

OCT 19 1933 Respectfully, F. B. I.

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V. W. Hughes.

Yes do so & see that  
this entire matter is  
promptly completed.

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~~EDWARD BATES~~  
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF PRISONS  
WASHINGTON

September 26, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION:

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Saunders Brothers

Director.

What is the status of this?

9/27/23 J. E. H.

John Johnson

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

September 27, 1933.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Locke.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alphonse Capone, with aliases,  
et al, Conspiracy to Receive  
and Send Contraband out of the  
United States Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

On June 14, 1933, Mr. A. C. Aderhold, Warden of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, turned over to Special Agent Chapmon Fletcher a letter which had been turned over to him by a

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This letter was referred to the Division by Special Agent in Charge Quinn of Birmingham on June 16, 1933, requesting authority to conduct an investigation, and a letter dated June 27, 1933, was forwarded to the Birmingham Office authorizing it to proceed with the investigation.

Why was this delayed from June 27 to Sept. 8?  
Special Agent Chapmon Fletcher submitted a report dated September 8, 1933, which discloses that

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Memo. Director  
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The report of Agent Fletcher sets forth leads for the Washington Field Office to ascertain from the Treasury information as to the endorsements of checks and disposition made by [REDACTED]

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A report has been received from the Washington Field Office dated September 14, 1933, reflecting the disposition and endorsements of the checks of [REDACTED] however, no report has been received from the Chicago Office of the investigation requested there. A letter is being directed to the Birmingham and to the Chicago Offices requesting that this matter be given immediate attention.

Respectfully,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. Stapleton.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sirs:

I desire to again invite your attention to the case entitled Alphonse Capone, with aliases, et al, Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband out of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia.

This case has now been pending in your office since June 16th. On June 23rd the Division authorized you to proceed with the inquiry. The first report received was that of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, dated September 8, 1933, and that report contained a number of undeveloped leads for the Washington Field and Chicago Offices. The Division has since received a copy of the report of Special Agent Donovan Owens, at Washington, D. C., dated September 14th, but no report has yet been received from Chicago.

It is imperative that this matter be given immediate attention and that complete reports be submitted promptly. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Chicago Office in order that it may proceed immediately with the investigation pending there, and if, after receipt of the report from the Chicago Office, you find additional work necessary, it is suggested that the telegraph be used to forward necessary leads. Otherwise, a summary of the matter should be submitted promptly to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Birmingham, Alabama.	10-25-33	10-15 to 22-33	CHAPMAN FLETCHER
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
ALPHONSE CAPONE with aliases - Et Al		CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



OCT 25 1933

REFERENCE: Report of Sp. At. Donovan Owens, Washington, D. C., 9-14-33.

DETAILS:

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The above has been discussed with [Mr. A. C. Aderhold, Warden] United BOP  
States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, who has been cooperating with this Agent,  
and it may be said that during one of these discussions:

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In connection with [REDACTED] Atlanta Penitentiary,  
who recently requested an interview with an Agent of this Division, there is  
quoted below the memorandum of this interview by this Agent inasmuch as it pertains  
to Capone and a [REDACTED] at the Atlanta Penitentiary:

"Atlanta, Georgia, September 4, 1933.

"Memorandum to Special Agent in Charge

"From the records of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.,

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[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] at first declined to make any statement to Agent, declaring b7D  
that if a statement should be made and the prison authorities should  
learn of it that he would surely be killed as there was a 'lot of  
stuff going on inside the penitentiary.' [REDACTED] asked that he be  
transferred closer to New Orleans where his wife and family could  
visit him, and Agent informed [REDACTED] that this was entirely in the  
hands of the Attorney General to whom he should make his request, and  
that the information furnished by him to Agent would be in the hands  
of the Attorney General who could give the matter full consideration  
and take such action as he deemed proper, but that Agent had nothing  
whatever to do with this and would make no recommendation to the  
Attorney General.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] also said there was a big racket on the outside to get  
narcotics into the penitentiary, and that Al Capone was the man on  
the inside who had charge of this racket, and that Capone was able  
to do this through [REDACTED]. He says  
that [REDACTED], a prisoner, was [REDACTED] and kept in  
close touch with Capone and that Capone's contact with the outside  
was through [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was very insistent that Agent not  
disclose the source of this information as he feared that he would be  
killed.

(Signed): Chapman Fletcher, Special Agent."

For the information of the Charlotte Office, copy of report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 9-8-53, is being furnished.

The Division has recently requested that all investigation in this case be conducted immediately.

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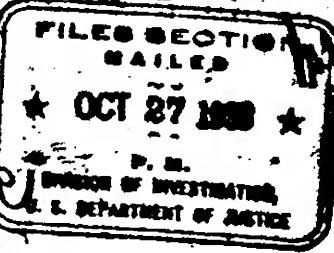
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Enclosed is a copy of the memorandum from this Division dated October 29, 1933, in connection with the investigation now being made by the Division concerning the mailing of a letter by Alphonse Capone from the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, there is transmitted herewith copy of a report submitted by Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Alabama, October 30, 1933, entitled ALPHONSE CAPONE with reference to all - Parole and Probation and Bond Contract and parole at United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc: L. M. M.



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Birmingham, Alabama

FILE NO. 62-492

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REPORT MADE AT: Charlotte, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-24-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/23, 24/33	REPORT MADE BY: J. M. S. MCKINLEY
TITLE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.		CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED]			
   R. E. C.			
REFERENCE: NOV 27 1933 AM	Report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Alabama, 10-28-33.		
DETAILS: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
DETAILS: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: L. B. Reed	Acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28933-71	RECORDED AND INDEXED: NOV 25 1933
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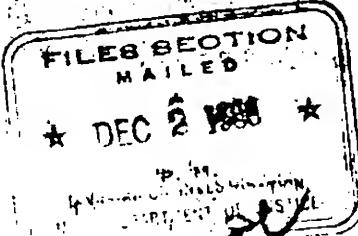
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS.

For your further information in connection with the investigation now being made by this Division, concerning the mailing of a letter by Alphonse Capone from the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, there is transmitted herewith a copy of a report submitted by Special Agent William S. McKinley, Charlotte, North Carolina, dated November 24, 1933, entitled Alphonse Capone, with aliases, et al - Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband Out of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Inclosure No. 364819.



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801 Liberty National Life Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
December 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Harley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband  
out of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

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W. A. RORER, Special Agent in Charge.	DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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SANFORD BATES  
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF PRISONS  
WASHINGTON



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December 5, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER:

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Sanford Bates  
Director.

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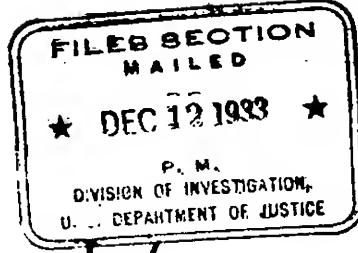
Reference is made to your memorandum dated December 5, 1933 in connection with the case entitled "Alphonse Capone, with aliases, et al, Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband out of the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia".

In accordance with your suggestion, the Birmingham Office of this Division has been advised to further interrogate [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

Director.



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INS:RCL

December 12, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases,  
CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND  
CONTRABAND OUT OF THE UNITED STATES  
PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

In connection with the above case, there are  
transmitted, herewith, copies of a memorandum from Mr.  
Sanford Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons, dated Dec-  
ember 5, 1933, which is self-explanatory.

It is desired that [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] be further interrogated  
in order to ascertain whether he has committed any acts  
which would justify criminal prosecution.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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December 16, 1933.

At

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building, Suite L,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: [REDACTED]

Escape Federal Prisons  
Escape Act.

Dear Sir:

The Division has received oral information from Mr. Sanford Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons, that [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,  
For the Director  
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Assistant Director.

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**SANFORD BATES**  
**DIRECTOR**

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF PRISONS  
WASHINGTON

December 21, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

C For your information in connection with your investigation

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Warden Aderhold dated December 13, 1933, which I would be glad to have you return when you have read it.

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UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

Atlanta, Georgia

Office of the Warden

December 13, 1933.

Director, Bureau of Prisons,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Bsp

Very respectfully,

(8) A. C. ADERHOLD,  
Warden

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RE: BCL  
62-28933

December 27, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Alphonse Capone, with aliases,  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send  
Contraband Out of the United States  
Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

There are transmitted, herewith, for your information a copy of a memorandum dated December 21, 1933, received from Mr. Seward Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons, and a copy of a letter dated December 19, 1933, by W. C. Aderhold, [Redacted] U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, setting forth certain information which he states has already been furnished Special Agent Chapman Fletcher of your office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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December 27, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR  
BUREAU OF PRISONS

This is to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum dated December 21, 1933, with which you transmitted a letter dated December 13, 1933, from [A. C. Aderhold, Warden, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. Please be advised that I have transmitted a copy of this letter to the Birmingham Office of this Division for its information. It is noted in the last paragraph of this letter that Mr. Aderhold has already informed Special Agent Fletcher of the resignation of Wincsman.]

The original of this letter is being returned to you herewith.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/15/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/13/34	REPORT MADE BY: S. C. SIMON CSM
TITLE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al 3. 27/33		CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE US PENI- TENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



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REFERENCE: Letter of Special Agent in Charge, W. A. Rorer, Birmingham, Alabama, dated December 6, 1933.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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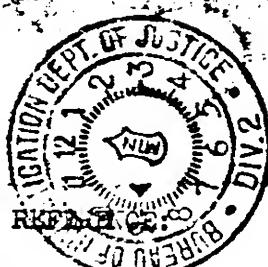
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Birmingham, Ala.	1-24-34	1-13-34	CHAPMON FLETCHER
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.		CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Division letter dated December 12, 1933;  
 Reports of Sp. Agt. Chapmon Fletcher, Birmingham, Ala. dated  
 9-8-33 and 10-8-33;  
 Report of Sp. Agt. W. S. McKinley, Charlotte, N. C. 11-24-33.

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Jacksonville, Fla.	4/11/34	4/9/34	J. B. Dickerson
TITLE:		CHARACTER OF CASE:	
ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, ET AL.		CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA.	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p>  <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p>  <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 24, 1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> At Miami, Florida.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> 			
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April 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Sir:

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE with aliases, et al  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send  
Contraband Out of the United States  
Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia

I am enclosing the papers which accompanied  
copies of the report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher of the  
Birmingham Division office, dated January 24, 1934, to the Jack-  
sonville office for use in this investigation at Miami, Florida.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures  
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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Birmingham, Ala.	5-29-34	5/21-22/34	H. C. DOUGLAS
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al		CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF U. S. PENIT- TENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA.	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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REFERENCE: Report of Sp. Agt. J. B. Bickerson, Jacksonville, Fla. 4-11-34.

DETAILS: AT ATLANTA, GA.

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MR. QUINN. ...  
MR. LESTER ...  
CHIEF CLERK.  
MR. RORER ...

May 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER:

For your information I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have just received from Warden Underhold in connection with the [REDACTED] which your Division is conducting. ]

Saipat Jais  
Director.

Director!

2<sup>nd</sup> M.  
(-3) <sup>ma</sup> (3) <sup>13</sup> D. <sup>Businessman</sup>  
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UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY

Atlanta, Georgia.

Office of the Warden  
May 4, 1934.

DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS?  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON?D.C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th ult.,  
in which reference is made to [REDACTED]

BOP

Capone later received a telegram that was not just clear, and he was called in and told that we believed the money was being transferred through his connections. Although he denied any knowledge of the transfers, he was told that if he attempted to make any transfers, or the least attempt at communicating with outsiders through a code, it would mean the loss of his writing and visiting privilege; that we would not take the time to trace these matters down but would act and investigate afterwards.

[REDACTED] Bop  
Very respectfully,

A. C. ADERHOLD,  
Warden.

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May 29, 1934

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JUN 1 - 1934 Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE with aliases, et al  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send  
Counterband Out of the United States  
Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sirs

For your information in the above entitled case there  
are transmitted herewith copies of a memorandum dated May 8, 1934,  
from the Director, Bureau of Prisons, together with copies of a  
letter dated May 4, 1934, addressed to the Director, Bureau of  
Prisons from Warden [A. C. Mertold.]

B&P

A review of this file reflects that the report of Special  
Agent J. B. Dickerson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, on April 11,  
1934, set forth undeveloped leads for your office at Atlanta, Georgia,  
which to date have not been covered. In this connection your at-  
tention is invited to Division letter dated October 17, 1933, in which  
you were instructed to give this case preferred attention.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Chicago of-  
fice with a request that a report be submitted at an early date  
covering the undeveloped lead set forth in the report of Special  
Agent Chapoon Fletcher, dated at Birmingham, Alabama, January 26,  
1934.

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P. W. DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Enclosure #551142

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Chicago

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Birmingham, Ala. FILE NO. 62-756

REPORT MADE AT Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE 6-7-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-29-34	REPORT MADE BY H. C. Douglas.
NAME ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.		CHARACTER OF Conspiracy to receive and send Contraband out of the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS [REDACTED]			
DETAILS: At Atlanta, Ga. B.C.P.			
<p>A note bearing the name of [REDACTED] was picked up by one of the Guards at the Federal Penitentiary, near the Federal Penitentiary and handed to Warden A. C. Aderhold, who turned the same over to Agent for such attention as was deemed necessary.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>			
<p>The above mentioned note is being retained in the Birmingham File.</p> <p>INVESTIGATION JUN 9 1934 PM</p> <p>P E N D I N G</p>			
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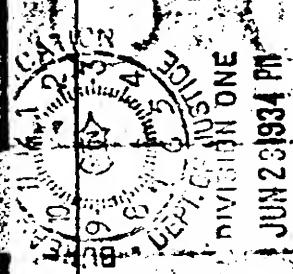
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Chicago, Illinois	5-21-34	5-9-34	CHARLES R. LAFRANCE, FB
TITLE		CHARACTER OF CASE	
ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al		CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U.S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:		<p>b7C b7E</p> 	
 RECEIVED ONE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS			
REFERENCE:	Report of Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, Birmingham, Alabama dated 1-24-34; Division letter dated 5-29-34, to Birmingham office.		
DETAILS:	AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  		
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al  
Conspiracy to Receive and Send Contraband  
Out of the United States Penitentiary,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of the report submitted  
by Special Agent Charles R. LaFrance, dated June 21, 1934, at [REDACTED] b7C  
Chicago, Illinois, from which it is noted that [REDACTED] b7C

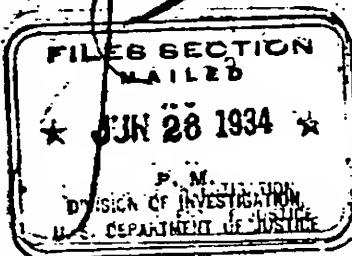
Inasmuch as it has been indicated that narcotics  
have been smuggled into the Atlanta Penitentiary, having  
been received through the mails, addressed to employees of the  
Penitentiary, a more detailed inquiry should be made as to the  
nature of [REDACTED] to determine  
whether they are authentic.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Birmingham

for E.A.T.

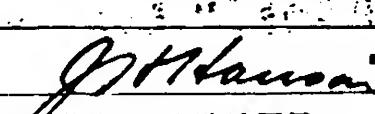
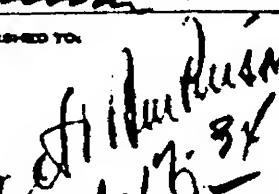


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Birmingham, Ala.	7/11/34	6/20 - 36/34	S. A. Temple
TITLE:		CHARACTER OF CASE:	
ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.		CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GA.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:		Investigation at U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., failed to reveal any evidence of Alphonse Capone having a regular pay roll at this institution.	
JUL 17 1934 U. S. DIVISION		JUL 19 1934 B. H. Tolson	
REFERENCE:		Division letter dated May 29, 1934 and reports of Special Agents Charles R. LaFrance, Chicago, Ill., dated 6/21/34 and H. C. Douglas, Birmingham, Ala., dated 6/29/34 and 6/7/34.	
DETAILS:		AT ATLANTA, GA.:	
<p>On June 20, 1934, [REDACTED] with aliases, [REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, was interviewed by agent prior to his release on this date in the presence of Marden A. C. Aderholt and Capt. C. M. Head and he advised that [REDACTED] a nurse, and [REDACTED] were the parties who brought money into the penitentiary for Alphonse Capone and convict [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were on Capone's pay roll; that Convict [REDACTED] knew plenty if he would talk. He further advised that he was to meet a party by the name of [REDACTED] at the Ansley Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., at 5 P. M. on June 21, 1934, who was to pay off for Capone and that he then was to meet [REDACTED] at the Henry Grady Hotel and deliver to him the money which [REDACTED] was to turn over to him; that he was also to meet the nurse, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at this hotel on this date. He promised to meet agent the night of June 20, 1934, at agent's room at the Ansley Hotel, where he was to go more in detail concerning Capone and his pay roll at the Penitentiary. He advised that [REDACTED] had on some occasions brought money in for Capone and that [REDACTED] kept Capone advised of everything that was said and done at the Penitentiary; especially if it was something concerning Capone. [REDACTED] failed to keep his appointment with agent on the night of June 20, 1934, and he did not [REDACTED]</p>			
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contact anyone at the Ansley Hotel on June 21, 1934, when [redacted] left the Penitentiary, he requested that no one follow him as Capone's gang were going to see who he contacted.

[redacted] also advised that [redacted] made a trip by aeroplane to Miami, Fla., and back for Capone and obtained money which he turned over to Capone.

[redacted] Warden Alderhold advised that [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

In view of the fact that [redacted] failed to keep his appointment with agent and was not seen in or around the Ansley Hotel after his release, it is believed that he made up the above story in order that he would not be followed upon his release and that he could make a safe get away with b7c

Report of Special Agent W. E. Miller, Kansas City, Mo., dated 5/7/34, in the case of [redacted]

[redacted] sets out an interview had by him with convict [redacted] an inmate of the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, Springfield, Mo., which is as follows and is being quoted for future reference in connection with this investigation:

According to [redacted] while in the psychopathic ward at Atlanta, he became [redacted] trusted accomplice and carried frequent messages between [redacted] and other prisoners, many of them being messages between Capone and [redacted]. About July or August, 1933, [redacted] was in [redacted] office when [redacted] other prisoners, were talking to [redacted] and accusing him of failure to get a commutation of sentence for [redacted] after [redacted] had accepted money for agreeing to do so. According to [redacted] advised them that he could do nothing until [redacted] was out of that office. [redacted] told [redacted] he'd have to get the sentence commuted or "kick back" the money. During the conversation it was mentioned that the money was paid through [redacted], Attorney, Atlanta, Ga., who was [redacted] according to [redacted]. Both [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] had been paid \$2,500.00 through [redacted] for [redacted] commutation of sentence and [redacted] has seen letters in possession from [redacted] with reference to the matter. Just before [redacted] and [redacted] left Atlanta for the Federal Hospital at Springfield, [redacted] told [redacted] to keep [redacted] from "blowing up" and talking after arriving at

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Springfield. In this connection it appears desirable to state that [redacted] is a bona fide psychotic patient. [redacted] admitted to [redacted] that the money had been received from [redacted] for securing a commutation or sentence for [redacted] but explained that there was nothing that could be done along that line for [redacted] added that he did not consider himself a double-crosser for keeping [redacted] money and doing nothing for him as [redacted] had plenty of money. [redacted] accompanied the patients, including [redacted] and [redacted] when transferred from Atlanta to the Federal Hospital at Springfield, and according to [redacted] was "after" [redacted] all the way to Springfield because he had not secured the promised commutation or sentence for [redacted].

[redacted] further stated that about June or July, 1933, a prisoner named [redacted] (Atlanta Prison No. [redacted]) who was serving a sentence of one year and one day from New Orleans, La., for violation of the Prohibition Laws, got transferred to the Psychopathic Ward and tried to make [redacted] believe he had money. One day he came to [redacted] office, pretended he was sick and wanted his sentence commuted because of ill health. During the conversation he asked [redacted] what kind of car he drove, and upon being informed that [redacted] had no car, he replied that he knew a way whereby [redacted] could get a new car. During the conversation [redacted] stated that he could raise \$500.00 but [redacted] wanted \$1,000.00 and no agreement could be reached. [redacted] told [redacted] to find out all he could about [redacted] especially ascertaining whether he was a safe person to deal with and also whether he could raise any money. [redacted] questioned [redacted] closely and thereafter advised [redacted] that [redacted] had no money and that he was not a safe person to deal with. [redacted] urged [redacted] to discharge [redacted] from the Ward at that time but [redacted] stated he would wait until [redacted] wife visited him the following week as she might be able to raise the money. The day [redacted] wife arrived, he requested to have [redacted] inform the [redacted] that owing to [redacted] sickness, he would be unable to go to the regular visiting room; that this would enable him to visit with his wife in the hospital where they would not be under such close scrutiny and he would be better able to discuss finances with her. This was done as requested, and at the conclusion of the visit [redacted] requested permission to see [redacted] concerning her husband's physical condition. The guard took [redacted] and her small child to [redacted] office and waited outside. [redacted] however, called [redacted] into the office. [redacted] immediately told [redacted] that her husband's health and liberty were the most important things to her and that she could get money from an uncle in New Orleans, or, if necessary, she would sell their home. She stated that she had approximately \$500.00 in her purse at that time and exhibited a roll of bills, which, according to [redacted], did not contain over \$50.00. [redacted] asked how she would get the money to him and she replied that she would bring it personally as she did not trust the mails any more than he did. She finally stated that she would visit her husband again.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al;  
CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND  
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

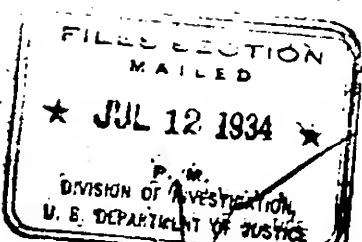
Transmitted, herewith, is a photostatic copy of a  
letter addressed to the Director of the Bureau of Prisons  
under date of June 26, 1934 by [Lorden A. C. Acerhold] of  
the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

[This letter pertains to information furnished by [REDACTED] BU]

However, the Division file fails to reflect that  
a report covering this particular inquiry has yet been sub-  
mitted.

Very truly yours,  
John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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STANFORD BATES  
WASH. D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF PRISONS  
WASHINGTON

Lm

June 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

[ It is probable that your Agent may have reported upon the circumstances contained in the enclosed copy of letter from Warden Aderhold, but in view of the fact that I have communicated with you from time to time about the [REDACTED] ]

F.U.P.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Al Capone, I thought it would be well for you to have a copy of this letter with your files.]

*Sacred Saks.*

Director.

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Department of Justice  
United States Penitentiary  
Atlanta, Georgia

OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

June 26, 1934.

Director, Bureau of Prisons,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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